Lightning of the Advent Wreath

Celebrant May God Almighty, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify with the light of his blessings this Advent Wreath; and may he, whose Second Coming in power and great glory we await, make us steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. Amen.

Celebrant Our King and Savior now draws near:

Celebrant We light this first candle of Advent, O Lord, knowing full well that there are signs in the sun and moon and stars and in the common events of our ordinary life that call us to attend to your coming. Prepare us for the time of trial and for your dominion, coming now and at the close of this age.

The Word of God

Celebrant Blessed art thou, holy and living One. People Thou zest to set thy people free. Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Prayers of the People

The leader adds specific intercessions to the prayers where appropriate.

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world. Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love. Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation gathered together here with one heart and one mind, that we may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world. Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty. And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen.
Confession of Sin and Absolution (congregation kneeling)

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, and thereby justifiedly得罪 and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all our trespasses, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-bought Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and so that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. Amen.

The Celebrant pronounces absolution and then the congregation stands.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you. And with thy spirit.

Greeting and Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory

Members of the congregation will present the offerings and gifts, and the congregation will pray the Offertory:

People Everything we offer and present to God is offered in his name and for his glory. We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

It is meet and right so to do.

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and commemorate the Lord's Supper, because it is the memorial of thy Son's perfect sacrifice and he took upon him the sin of the whole world; and dost assure us of his death and resurrection, whereby our sins be forgiven; and do grant that we may come together in unity of faith and charity, as though we were all one body; that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

Blessing

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. Amen.

The Dismissal

Drum Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

We pray for the repose of the soul of

Patrick Joseph Coyne

David Lloyd Luke

Malcolm Stickle Van de Water

Prayers for healing and wholeness have been asked for... Adam, Alexis, Alice, Alison, Andrew, Angela, Anita, Anne, Anthony, Arlo, Austin, Beverly, Bill Ed, Bob, Bobbi, Carmen, Cena, Charles, Chip, Chris, Christine, Chuck, Clay, Dalia, David, Deborah, DJ, Don, Donna, Dorothy, Edith, Edmund, Edwin, Elena, Emmy, Eugene, Evan, Frank, Fred, Gaye, George, Griffon, Guy, Helen, Holly, Hunter, Jack, Jacobs family, James, Jacqueline, Jan, Janet, Janice, Jessica, Jeri, Jillian, Joaquin, John, Jonathan, Judy, Kathryn, Kay, Kelley, Kelly Ann, Ken, Kendall, Larry, Linda, Louis, Louise, Lucy, Lynn, Malcolm, Mallory, Marcia, Marie, Mariela, Marge, Mark, Martin, Mary, Mary Ann, Matthew, Megan, Michael, Michelle, Miriam, Nancy, Neil, Nolan family, Pam, Pat, Patricia, Peggy, Phyllis, Reveyan, Raul, Richard, Ricky, Robbie, Robert, Rudy, Sandy, Sally, Sandra, Sara, Scott, Shane, Sharon, Shawn, Spencer, Stephen, Sue, Susan, Suzy, Sylvia, Taryn, Ted, Thomas, Tom, Tucker, Vicki, Viola, Vincent, Ward, Wendy, and those serving our country... Alex, Benjamin, Christian, Clara, Eric, George, Harold, Herbert, John, Lorne, Luster Michael, Thomas, Tommy, and William.

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